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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

MS Amendment

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Sir:

Further to the Amendment of November 26, 2007, submitted in response to the Office Action of July 25, 2007, the following is being provided.

In paragraph 2 of the July 25, 2007 Office Action the Examiner indicates that the February 9, 2007 Information Disclosure Statement failed to comply with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2) which requires a legible copy of each cited foreign patent document and each non-patent literature publication or that portion which caused it to be listed and all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed. Applicants submit that copies of each of the foreign patent document and non-patent literature publication submitted with the February 9, 2007 Information Disclosure Statement were submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement on February 9, 2007. However, in order to expedite prosecution of the present application attached herewith is a Form PTO-1449 listing the non-patent literature publication and copies thereof not

indicated as being considered by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner indicate consideration of said references in the forth coming Office Action.

The Examiner also notes in paragraph 2 of the Office Action that the "EMC 2-Gigabit Disk-Array Enclosure" reference submitted by the February 9, 2007 Information Disclosure Statement only contained odd-numbered pages. Applicants submit that another complete copy of said references is also attached. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge consideration of said references in the forth coming Office Action.

Accordingly, early allowance of claims 1-8, 11, 15-19 and 21-31 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (1309.43669X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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